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## MEMORANDUM TO THE DEPUTY MINISTER

### National Firearms Association's Constitutional Challenge of Quebec's Firearms Registration Act (FOR INFORMATION)

#### SUMMARY

- This note seeks to inform you of a constitutional challenge launched before the Quebec Superior Court by the National Firearms Association (NFA) against Quebec's *Firearms Registration Act*.

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#### BACKGROUND

On December 3, 2015, the Government of Quebec tabled Bill n°64, the *Firearms Registration Act* (Bill n°64) that would create a provincial registry for non-restricted firearms (i.e. long-guns). In response, Minister Goodale released a statement indicating that the Federal Government will work with Quebec to determine how it may best support their efforts to create a provincial long-gun registry and reiterating that the Government will not recreate a federal long-gun registry. Further, Quebec's Minister of Public Security, Pierre Moreau, said the Quebec government was in talks with the Federal Government to determine what data might be shared, if any. Since that time, there have been public acknowledgements of meetings between officials on this issue.

On June 10, 2016, Quebec's National Assembly passed Bill n°64, although it has not yet come into force.

On June 17, 2016, the AGC was served with an application filed before the Quebec Superior Court (QSC) by the National Firearms Association (NFA), seeking an interlocutory injunction, a permanent injunction and declaratory relief. The NFA seeks to block the coming into force and subsequent application of Bill n°64. The NFA's application names the Attorney General of Quebec (AGQ) as a defendant, adds the AGC as mis-en-cause.

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**DISCUSSION**

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

N/A

**COMMUNICATION IMPLICATIONS**

N/A

**NEXT STEPS**

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